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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions and Deletion

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes from the Procurement List a product previously furnished by such agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 20, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Additions

On August 19, and August 26, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 48667, and 50299) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

The following comments pertain to Stamp 2000 Plus and Accustamp 7520-00-419-5949 & 7529-01-324-6955:

Comments were received from 21 persons in support of the nonprofit agency, urging addition of these products to the Procurement List, as they consider the addition to be critical to the nonprofit agency's plan to expand services for people with disabilities. The Committee agrees with these commenters that this addition will create jobs for such people.

Comments were also received from one of the current contractors for these stamps. The commenter claimed that the stamps the nonprofit agency will be providing under the Committee's program are made in China, as opposed to the stamps the commenter assembles in the U.S. from components made in Japan and China, and that the Committee should not permit its program to displace U.S. products with Chinese products. The commenter claimed that it has been a Government supplier of the stamps for over 30 years, and has become reliant on these sales, which constitute a small minority of its total sales. The same contractor claimed the nonprofit agency's stamps are inferior to its own. The commenter asked the Committee to consider whether it could create more

jobs by having workers with disabilities package the commenter's stamps rather than those it intends to produce.

Contrary to the commenter's claims, the nonprofit agency will be using its employees with severe disabilities to assemble and package the stamps in the U.S. from components made in Austria, which is a designated country under the Trade Agreements Act, 19 U.S.C. 2501 et seq. Like the workers they may displace, the persons with severe disabilities who will produce the stamps are U.S. workers, but with an unemployment rate which is well above other groups, so the Committee believes that creating jobs for them, which is the mission of the Committee's program, is justified in this situation.

The commenter, which claimed a long-term reliance on Government sales of these stamps, failed to provide the Committee with total sales data which would enable the Committee to assess the severity of impact of this Procurement List addition, despite being cautioned that the Committee

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would interpret a failure to provide data as an indication that the contractor did not consider the impact severe. As for the commenter's claim that the nonprofit agency's stamps are inferior, the nonprofit agency has shown the Committee that its stamps meet Government specifications. At this time, it is not feasible for the Committee to require the nonprofit agency to replace its stamp component supplier, as the commenter suggests.

The following comments pertain to Stamp Pad Ink and Accustamp (Applies to all other identified stamp NSNs not listed above:

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Comments were also received from a stamp manufacturer. The commenter claimed that the stamps the nonprofit agency will be providing under the Committee's program are made in China, as opposed to the stamps the commenter assembles in the U.S. from components made in Japan and China, and that the Committee should not permit its program to displace U.S. products with Chinese products. The commenter claimed that it has been a Government supplier of the stamps for over 30 years, and has become reliant on these sales, which constitute a small minority of its total sales. The same contractor claimed the nonprofit agency's stamps are inferior to its own. The commenter asked the Committee to consider whether it could create more jobs by having workers with disabilities package the commenter's stamps rather than those it intends to produce.

Contrary to the commenter's claims, the nonprofit agency will be using its employees with severe disabilities to assemble and package the stamps in the U.S. from components made in Austria, which is a designated country under the Trade Agreements Act, 19 U.S.C. 2501 et seq. Like the workers they may displace, the persons with severe disabilities who will produce the stamps are U.S. workers, but with an unemployment rate which is well above other groups, so the Committee believes that creating jobs for them, which is the mission of the Committee's program, is justified in this situation.

The commenter, which claimed a long-term reliance on Government sales of these stamps, failed to provide the Committee with total sales data which would enable the Committee to assess the severity of impact of this Procurement List addition, despite being cautioned that the Committee would interpret a failure to provide data as an indication that the contractor did not consider the impact severe. As for the commenter's claim that the nonprofit agency's stamps are inferior, the nonprofit agency has shown the Committee that its stamps meet Government specifications. At this time, it is not feasible for the Committee to require the nonprofit agency to replace its stamp component supplier, as the commenter suggests.

The following material pertains to all of the items being added to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following products are added to the Procurement List:

Products

Product/NSN: Accustamp (For GSA Global Supply ONLY).

NSN: 7520-01-207-4108--COPY--Red.

NSN: 7520-01-207-4116--DRAFT--Red.

NSN: 7520-01-207-4226--RECEIVED--Blue.

NSN: 7520-01-207-4119--SECRET--Red.

NSN: 7520-00-264-3718--Rubber Stamp Printing Set.

NSN: 7520-01-207-4111--COMPLETED--Red.

NSN: 7520-01-324-6955--COMPLETED--Blue.

NSN: 7520-01-419-5949--CONFIDENTIAL--Red.

Product/NSN: Custom Stamp (For GSA Global Supply ONLY).

NSN: 7510-00-386-2444--Custom Stamps.

Product/NSN: Stamp 2000 Plus (For GSA Global Supply ONLY).

NSN: 7520-01-352-3019--Black.

NSN: 7520-01-352-3018--Red.

Product/NSN: Stamp Pad Ink (For GSA Global Supply ONLY).

NSN: 7510-00-782-6257--Black 8 oz.

NSN: 7510-00-161-4240--Red 2 oz/roll-on.

NSN: 7510-01-316-7516--Black 2 oz/roll-on.

NSN: 7510-00-161-4237--Black 2 oz/roll-on.

NPA: The Arbor School, Houston, Texas.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, NY.

Product/NSN: Shirt, Woman's, Short Sleeve, Tuck-in.

NSN: 8410-01-414-6979--4 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-6980--6 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-6981--8 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7023--10 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7105--12 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7113--14 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7116--16 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7118--18 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7120--20 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7186--22 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7232--24 Regular.

NSN: 8410-01-414-7233--26 Regular.

NPA: Middle Georgia Diversified Industries, Inc., Dublin, Georgia.

Contracting Activity: Defense Supply Center Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Deletion

On August 26, 2005, the Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (70 FR 50299) of proposed deletion to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the product listed below is no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-

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O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the product deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following product is deleted from the Procurement List:

Product

Product/NSN: Pencil, Mechanical.

NSN: 7520-00-724-5606--Pencil, Mechanical.

NPA: San Antonio Lighthouse, San Antonio, Texas.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products
Acquisition Center, New York, NY.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete products previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments Must be Received on or Before: November 20, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions: If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each product will be required to procure the products listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products to the Government.

2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following products are proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Products

Product/NSN: Folder, File, Hanging (GSA Global Supply ONLY)

NSN: 7530-01-316-1639--Letter size folders 1/5-cut tabs, assorted colors

NPA: L.C. Industries For The Blind, Inc., Durham, North Carolina

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products

Acquisition Center, New York, NY

Product/NSN: Pad, Writing Paper (Repositionable) Neon Colors (GSA Global Supply ONLY)

NSN: 7530-01-393-0103--2'' x 3'' Assorted Neon Colors (Unruled)

NSN: 7530-01-286-5121--3'' x 4'' Yellow Color (Unruled)

NPA: Association for the Blind & Visually Impaired & Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, Rochester, New York.

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, NY

Deletions

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action may result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the products proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following products are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Products

Product/NSN: Brush, Wire, Scratch

NSN: 7920-00-246-8501--Brush, Wire, Scratch

NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc., Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Contracting Activity: GSA, Southwest Supply Center, Fort Worth, Texas

Product/NSN: Carpet Concentrate

NSN: 7930-00-NIB-0341--H2Orange2 Crystal Carpet Concentrate

Product/NSN: Cleaner/Degreaser

NSN: 7930-00-NIB-0326--H2Orange2 Concentrate 117 Cleaner/Degreaser

Product/NSN: Grout Safe

NSN: 7930-00-NIB-0327--H2Orange2 Grout Safe

Product/NSN: Mineral Shock Cleaner

NSN: 7930-00-NIB-0353--H2Orange2 Mineral Shock Cleaner

Product/NSN: Spot Remover

NSN: 7930-00-NIB-0342--H2Orange2 Quick Spot Crystal Carpet Spot

Remover

Product/NSN: Ultimate Cleaner/Degreaser

NSN: 7930-00-NIB-0163--H2Orange2 Ultimate Cleaner/Degreaser

NPA: Blind Industries & Services of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, NY.

Product/NSN: Cloth, High Performance

NSN: 7920-01-482-6037--Cloth, High Performance

NSN: 7920-00-NIB-0397--Cloth, High Performance

NPA: L.C. Industries For The Blind, Inc., Durham, North Carolina

Contracting Activity: GSA, Southwest Supply Center, Fort Worth, Texas

Product/NSN: Label, Pressure-Sensitive Adhesive

NSN: 7530-00-007-2165--Label, Pressure-Sensitive Adhesive

NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Contracting Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, NY.

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